

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-27 are now pending in this application. In the June 14, 2006 Office Action, Claims 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by admissions within the specification. Claims 22-27 were allowed.

By this amendment, claims 1, 5-8, and 12-21 have been amended. For the reasons set forth below, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the June 14, 2006 Office Action, claims 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S. C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The applicants have amended claims 15-21 to recite “a computer storage medium.” Because a computer storage medium as defined in the specification is statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101, the applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 15-21 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

In the June 17, 2006 Office Action, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by admissions within the specification. The applicants respectfully submit that the cited portion of the specification does not admit prior art disclosure of the recitations of claims 1-21. Rather, the cited portion of the specification restates one aspect of the disclosure presented in the specification that conventional art does not teach, suggest, or describe, specifically switching virtual mode pointers to physical address mode pointers. However, to further prosecution, the applicants have amended claims 1, 5-8, 12-15, and 19-21 to recite physical modes and virtual modes rather than current and previous modes, respectively. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 8, and 15, and consequently the corresponding dependent claims 2-7, 9-14, and 16-21, overcome the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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